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FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 1, 2018/2019

BED2084 – DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

(All sections / Groups)

17th OCTOBER 2018
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This Question paper consists of **Two (2)** pages with **Four (4)** Structured Questions.
3. Attempt **ALL** questions. The distribution of the marks for each question is given.
4. Answer **in** the answer booklet provided.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS (100 MARKS)

QUESTION 1 (25 MARKS)

A) What are the major differences between the new Human Development Index and the traditional Human Development Index? (7 marks)

B) Explain how the S-curve reflects the typical nature of complementarities with a diagram. (8 marks)

C) Discuss the importance of international trade and foreign investment to solve the problems identified in Big push Theory. (10 marks)

QUESTION 2 (25 MARKS)

A) Analyse the impact of higher educational facilities where social benefits exceed private benefits in developing countries. (10 marks)

B) Evaluate why women are often referred to as playing a central role in economic development. (5 marks)

C) Analyse the impact of factor price distortions, in developing countries. (10 marks)

QUESTION 3 (25 MARKS)

A) Describe the obstacles faced by developing countries from growing faster. (7 marks)

B) i)What is the role of input-output analysis in development planning? (6 marks)

ii) What are the strengths and weaknesses of input-output analysis? (4 marks)

C) Briefly explain the major argument of the Factor Endowment Trade Theory (8 marks)

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QUESTION 4 (25 MARKS)

A) Briefly describe the import substitution strategy as a means towards economic growth with examples. (10 marks)

B) In your opinion, what are the THREE (3) most serious socioeconomic problems faced by a majority of developing nations in the 21st century? Explain with an example. (15 marks)

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